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functional account of society, he would be jostled into a different state of mind by reading the array of evidence and the interpretation of it that follows. He who runs may read in it the *reductio ad absurdum* of both the classical and the socialistic economic interpretations of history. It is no new idea to the sociologists, but no one has before put it in such conclusive form, that the function of political control is virtually co-ordinate with physical cause and effect in shaping economic institutions. In the antithetic terms the "economic means" and the "political means," Oppenheimer has not merely done a piece of phrase-making. He has invented a master key to sealed vaults in capitalistic theory.

In the name of students who have no time to waste, we protest against the nuisance of uncut leaves in this class of books.

A. W. S.

Between Eras: From Capitalism to Democracy. By ALBION W. SMALL. Kansas City, Mo.: The Intercollegiate Press. Pp. 731. \$1.65.¹

Dr. Alexander has asked me to review *Between Eras*. I am sorry that my time does not permit the fuller review which the book deserves, but I do want to say most emphatically that this is an extraordinary book.

Professor Albion W. Small, LL.D., is head of the Department of Sociology in the University of Chicago, and ranks as one of the foremost men in his special field of science. This book is evidently an effort on his part to speak the language of the common man, and he does it with immense success. In fact, his language is so vivid, so much the language of the street, that I wonder that our magazine editors have not long ago been after him. Not only does it sparkle with epigrams and racy modern expressions, but it is put in the form of conversations, and runs along a clearly defined thread of narrative, so that the book is actually a sort of novel. At the same time, it is packed with ideas and takes hold of a man's intellect with a firm grip from beginning to end.

The characters who carry on the conversation in the book are all upper-class people, business men, professors, and so forth. I surmise that some of them at least are snapshots of typical men whom Professor Small knows personally. They are all wandering in the maze of our present situation and seeking an honest way out of it. The story carries them forward to a real solution of troubles.

¹ This notice appeared in the *Methodist Review*, April, 1914. It is quoted by permission of the editor.

No, that is not the case after all. No solution is propounded in the book. It is simply an analysis of our present conditions. It cuts up and reduces to foolishness the usual arguments made on behalf of our capitalistic society, without at all proposing a socialistic organization. The author has evidently, for good and satisfactory reasons, limited himself in this book, and we must accept his self-imposed limitations. But within those limitations this book is the cleverest, the most incisive, and the best-equipped analysis of the capitalistic system of industrial production which has appeared within our time. No one can afford to pass it by. And I will promise the reader that he will find it so entertaining that he will delight to finish it, and that his wife and the highly intelligent children of his family will be eager to read it too. Besides that, you get your money's worth. It is a very bulky volume, handsomely printed, and there are enough ideas in it to equip half a dozen ordinary writers.

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